

friends in recognition of Sister Patricia Codey's many outstanding and invaluable contributions to the community.

IN HONOR OF ZACHARY J. BROWN
ON HIS ATTAINMENT OF EAGLE
SCOUT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Zachary J. Brown of Cleveland, Ohio, who will be honored March 29, 1998 for his attainment of Eagle Scout.

The attainment of Eagle Scout is a high and rare honor requiring years of dedication to self-improvement, hard work and the community. Each Eagle Scout must earn 21 merit badges, twelve of which are required, including badges in: lifesaving; first aid; citizenship in the community; citizenship in the nation; citizenship in the world; personal management of time and money; family life; environmental science; and camping.

In addition to acquiring and proving proficiency in those and other skills, an Eagle Scout must hold leadership positions within the troop where he learns to earn the respect and hear the criticism of those he leads.

The Eagle Scout must live by the Scouting Law, which holds that he must be: trustworthy, loyal, brave, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, clean, and reverent.

And the Eagle Scout must complete an Eagle Project, which he must plan, finance and evaluate on his own. It is no wonder that only two percent of all boys entering scouting achieve this rank.

My fellow colleagues, let us recognize and congratulate Zachary for his achievement.

TOWN OF WINDHAM CELEBRATES
200TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I have always been partial to the charm and character of small towns and small town people. That is why I travel home to my congressional district every weekend, to spend time in the picturesque towns with the remarkable people of the 22nd district of New York. I truly believe that the people and places around my home are among the most beautiful and welcoming in the world.

Nestled in the scenic Catskill Mountains in upstate New York, the town of Windham typifies what I love most about my district. Much is said about the loss of traditional values in many parts of our nation. In Windham, however, like many of the towns and villages of the 22nd district, the spirit of community is still going strong. The citizens of Windham know their neighbors, and, in a tradition dating back to the founding of our nation, they know that if they are ever in need, their fellow citizens will be there for them without question. This spirit is the foundation on which America was built, and I am proud to say that in my district,

in Windham, New York, the people still put their community first.

Mr. Speaker, on March 27, 1998, Windham celebrates its 200th anniversary. After two centuries, Windham is still thriving and setting an example of small-town values, from which I believe many other cities and towns could learn a great deal about creating a wonderful environment to live and raise a family. In that spirit, Mr. Speaker, I ask that all members join me in paying tribute to Windham, New York on the occasion of its bicentennial celebration. May the next two hundred years be even better than the first.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP AT ITS
FINEST—CHRISTOPHER JACKSON

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 1998

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding individual from my district, Christopher Jackson. Christopher, a senior at Marist High School, has proven himself time and time again to be an intelligent, energetic and multi-talented individual.

I have been acquainted with Christopher for several years now. For the past 28 years I have sponsored an "All American Boy, All American Girl" which annually recognizes outstanding seventh and eighth grade students in my district on their accomplishments both academically and service within the community. Christopher is the first and only participant of the "All American Boy" competition to have won twice.

Christopher Jackson possesses strong qualities as a leader amongst his peers and as a role model for others. He is a caring person who is always willing to lend a helping hand in the community. Christopher remains active both academically and athletically in school and performs various community service duties throughout the community, has excelled remarkably in his scholastic and athletic areas.

In the fall of 1997, Christopher was honored as a finalist of the Wendy's High School Heisman award. Out of a pool of 10,020 chosen for the competition, 12 national finalists were invited to New York City for the awards program and banquet. Students are nominated for this award based on their individual academic achievements, athletic accomplishments, and community service. Mr. Jackson has demonstrated all of the above with great performance and is a truly well developed individual.

I would like to extend my best wishes as Christopher graduates from Marist High School in May 1998 and with all his future endeavors. Christopher is an energetic and intelligent individual who will have a bright future with all he chooses to accomplish. I would also like to extend my warmest wishes to his family as Christopher is headed toward success.

TRIBUTE TO VERONICA "RONNIE"
SOMMER

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 1998

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention Ms. Veronica "Ronnie" Sommer who is being honored this evening at the 55th Annual Dinner Dance of the Friends of Brian Boru.

Ronnie is being honored this evening with the organization's "Irishwoman of the Year Award." This prestigious award is given in recognition of her selfless and dedicated efforts, and contributions that have served to improve the quality of life for the residents of Essex County and the surrounding community.

Ronnie's remarkable record of leadership includes 20 distinguished years of service on the Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee, of which in 1996 she served as the Parade's Deputy Grand Marshall.

Additionally, Ronnie has served her fellow citizens as an active member of the "Women of Irish Heritage," where she has served as President from 1987 through 1989, and is currently the President for a second term; the New Jersey Irish Festival for 16 years; Independent Irish for 12 years; and many other numerous Irish organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues and, Ronnie's family and friends in recognition of Veronica "Ronnie" Sommer's many outstanding and invaluable contributions to the community.

IN HONOR OF ST. PATRICK'S
PARISH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

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Tuesday, March 24, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the sesquicentennial of St. Patrick's Parish, one of Cleveland's foremost Catholic congregations. During its tenure, St. Patrick's has served as a beacon for the religious community of West Park in Cleveland and, recently, has taken numerous steps to service the people of the community.

St. Patrick's Parish was founded on March 17, 1848 in the home of Morgan Waters, a humble beginning for the church. In the first years of its existence, St. Patrick's was a parish without a home, but the generosity of many in its congregation served its special needs. In 1851, Patrick Lahiff donated a half-acre of land and after three years of construction, a wood frame church was built. The parish school was founded a few years later and several groups of Cleveland-area sisters such as the Sisters of Notre Dame and the Ursulan Sisters were brought in to educate the students.

After years of service to the parish community, the old wood church was torn down in favor of a large, impressive, spacious stone church. The new building was dedicated in 1898 and has continued to serve as a sanctuary for the community until this day. The parish received its first resident pastor in 1910 and has continued to grow in its population ever since.